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PROGRESS REPORT

FOLL NOT TO BE CONSIDERED [REDACTED] PROGRESS REPORT IN
COMPLIANCE WITH [REDACTED] IT ESSENTIALLY

REFLECTS STA VIEWS, NOT COORDINATED WITH AMB WHO, DUE

[REDACTED] CASE AND ECON CRISIS, UNABLE DEVOTE TIME TO

SORTING OUT HIS IDEAS [REDACTED] HENCE HQS MAY WISH CULL

FROM PROGRESS REPORT AS SET FORTH BELOW THOSE FACTS AND

CONCLUSIONS WHICH OF INTEREST TO [REDACTED]

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2. SURVEY OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES WHICH STA SHOULD SUPPORT OR OPPOSE STILL UNDERWAY. FINAL PARTY CANDIDATE LISTS, CONSIDERED FLUID AND SUBJECT TO CHANGES UNTIL 3 NOVEMBER.

3. ELECTION TEAM STRATEGY, BY CHOICE AND FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, HAS BEEN TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY ATTEMPTS INFLUENCE PARTY SELECTION OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES. SELECTION PROCESS EXTREMELY COMPLICATED IN TERMS INTERNAL PARTY POLITICS. STA LACKS SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED INTELLIGENCE TO SECOND-GUESS PARTY DECISIONS/DEALS. PDC PARTICULARLY UNPREDICTABLE BECAUSE OF TOMIC'S ATTEMPT TAKE OVER PARTY APPARATUS IN PREPARATION FOR 1970 CANDIDACY. NOR DOES STA HAVE COVERT POLITICAL MUSCLE TO IMPOSE ITS WILL.

4. FACTOR POSSIBLY AFFECTING SUPPORT OF SELECTED NATIONAL PARTY CANDIDATES IS LOYALTY OF NATIONAL PARTY LEADERSHIP TO JORGE ALESSANDRI. NATIONAL PARTY STRATEGY IS EXCLUSIVELY BASED UPON HIS UNDECLARED PRESENTIAL CANDIDACY. AS RESULT, NATIONAL PARTY CONSCIOUSLY NOT

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RUNNING BEST CANDIDATES IN 1969 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

CLAIMS TO BE "SAVING" SUCH MEN FOR ALESSANDRI

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FOLLOWING YEAR. ALSO, AMBASSADOR

INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT ALESSANDRI'S IMPLACABLE HATRED TOWARD

PDC MAY RESULT IN HIS ENGOURAGING/ACCEPTING POLITICAL

DEALS WITH LEFT IN ORDER DEFEAT PDC (WHICH STA, AS OF NOW,

INCLINED TO DOUBT).

5. STA BEEFING UP PROPAGANDA IN ORDER FILL

VOID CAUSED BY PDC'S AND ALESSANDRI'S EVIDENT RELUCTANCE

TREAT EXTREME LEFT (SPECIFICALLY PCCH) AS PRINCIPAL THREAT

TO CHILE. PDC STRATEGY (AND TOMIC'S PET IDEA) TO ENTICE

PCCH AWAY FROM SUBSERVIENCE TO MOSCOW AS PREREQUISITE FORM

SOME KIND OF UNITY-OF-LEFT ALLIANCE, ESSENTIALLY WISHFUL

THINKING FRAUGHT WITH INCALCULABLE HAZARDS. EXPLORATORY

TALKS UNDERWAY TO ^{EXPAND} EXISTING AND

MAKING IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO EXIGENCIES OF VIGOROUS ANTI-

COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN, FOCUSING ON DOMESTIC ISSUES.

6. CURRENT ESTIMATES SATISFY STA THAT PDC'S VIGOROUS

FUND-RAISING DRIVE YIELDING MORE THAN SATISFACTORY RESULTS

(AMOUNTS AS HIGH AS TWO MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED).

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COME NOV 68, PDC CAMPAIGN MANAGERS SHOULD BE ABLE LAUNCH
CAMPAIGN WITHOUT OVER-POWERING FINANCIAL WORRIES. STA
OVERTURES THROUGH _____ HAVE EVOKED NO RESPONSE
SUGGESTING PDC LEADERSHIP'S ELECTION PLANNING ENCOMPASSES
_____ ROLE ON ANY TERMS STA WOULD ENTERTAIN. COMPLEXION
OF PDC'S NEW MESA DIRECTIVA (WHICH AT ITS MOST CHARITABLE
CAN BE INTERPRETED AS PEACEFUL SURRENDER OF PARTY LEADERSHIP
BY FREI TO TOMIC) CASTS INTO MORE STRIKING RELIEF FUNDAMENTAL
INCOMPATIBILITY OF _____ ROLE IN SUPPORT OF PDC AND
PDC'S DEDICATED TRAVEL OF VIA NO CAPITALISTA. ABOVE
NATURALLY CONTINGENT UPON FINAL COMPLEXION OF AS YET
INCHOATE _____ POLICIES VIS-A-VIS CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS
FRAP VICTORY (WITH OR WITHOUT PDC COUNTENANCE) OR TOMIC
VICTORY OR ALESSANDRI VICTORY.

7. STA CONTINUING ITS STUDY OF MYRIAD _____
DENOMINATIONS WHOSE CUMULATIVE VOTING POTENTIAL (IN
GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD OF 200,000) TOO LARGE TO BE
IGNORED. _____

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